# Programme Specification

## BSc (Hons) Environmental Management with Business (2019-20)

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided.

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## Programme Overview

**Brief outline of the programme**

This programme will focus on combining the critical skills of an environmental scientist, with the business skills of a management specialist, to create highly employable graduates able to pursue rewarding careers in the growing field of environmental management and consultancy.

Students will gain a detailed understanding of the core areas of environmental science throughout the three years of study. This expertise will be combined with the development of business management skills through the study of appropriate management modules that will enable the graduates to have the full suite of theoretical and practical skills necessary to become an environmental professional.
In Part I students will complete modules that address core environmental science processes, field research and quantitative methods, along with an introduction to management. Part II ensures, through half of all modules being core, that students gain a critical understanding of the environmental impacts from business and industry, legislation, and the development of project management skills. Optional modules will allow students to blend environmental science and management modules to create a portfolio of skills that reflect their interests and career aspirations. Semester one of Part III involves a core practical module on consultancy delivered in partnership with a range of contributors from environmental consultancies and other organisations. Optional modules will allow students to advance their understanding of environmental science and management, and to focus on their area of expertise. The final semester of the programme in Part III is spent on placement where the students complete a practical independent research project in partnership with the placement organisation.

Students have the opportunity to continue working with the organisation (subject to satisfactory outcomes) upon completion of the course.

Your contact hours will vary depending on your module/option choices. Full information about contact hours is provided in individual module profiles.

Learning and teaching

We are committed to providing students with opportunities to enjoy an exciting, challenging and stimulating learning experience. This programme will adopt a combination of traditional and action-based pedagogies. Examples of the teaching techniques employed in this degree programme include class lectures, recorded keynote lectures for a flipped classroom, discussion sessions, consultancy group role-playing, management practicals, site visits, and field-work. The teaching techniques applied across the programme are designed to enable students to develop the critical knowledge, skills and experience necessary to become a sought-after environmental professional upon graduation.

Assessment

Students will be assessed on a formative and summative basis through coursework and unseen examination throughout the programme. The coursework will be varied and can consist of a mixture of the following depending on the modules selected:

- individual essays
- practical reports
- group development project reports
- individual consultancy research reports
- ‘academic journal style’ papers
- individual oral presentations
- group conference presentations
- practical exercises

The programme will also include unseen written examinations where this is deemed to be the most appropriate method of assessing the knowledge and understanding of students in a particular subject area. The examination formats will contain multiple choice (level 4 only), short answer and extended essay-based questions.

All students will receive feedback on assessed work, thus facilitating their development and learning. Individuals who have specific learning differences, such as dyslexia, are able to access additional support in completing their work through the usual university services. Personal tutors will be able to guide students to the appropriate support, and the programme lead will also be to guide students to the correct services in the event of a personal tutor not being available.

Special Features of the programme

The programme includes one compulsory and optional residential field-trip, along with numerous field and industry site visits. The Part III ‘Sustainability Professional’ module will be run in partnership with a range of contributors from environmental and sustainability consultancies and other organisations to deliver an innovative approach to learning, teaching and assessment. The final semester of the programme in Part III is spent on placement where the students will complete a practical independent research project in partnership
with the placement organisation. Students will have the opportunity to continue working with the organisation (subject to satisfactory outcomes) upon completion of the course.

**Please note:** As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, this programme may be revised during a student's period of registration; however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.

Programmes and major changes to programmes are approved through the University's [programme validation process](#) which is described in the University's [Quality handbook](#).

## Educational Aims of the Programme

The University of Southampton has a commitment to excellence and innovation in learning and teaching whilst producing skilled and employable graduates. This programme is based in the School of Geography and Environmental Science, and contains modules from the Southampton Management School as well as across many of the other schools of the University. Our teaching is embedded within a framework of a vibrant and active research environment, with curriculum content drawn from our research groups: Economy, Society and Governance (ESG); Population, Health and Wellbeing (PHeW); Landscape Dynamics and Ecology (LDE); Environmental Change and Sustainability (ECaS).

This programme provides students with a carefully constructed programme of study that will address the core components of environmental science and management whilst allowing students to develop the skills and experience necessary to enjoy a rewarding career as an environmental management professional. Students are encouraged to be creative, adaptive, and challenging whilst employing an interdisciplinary and practice-based approach to their formal and informal learning.

The primary educational aim of the programme is to produce graduates who are skilled and employable environmental professionals capable of contributing to a green and sustainable economy. This aim will be achieved through the following objectives:

1. to enable students to develop a thorough understanding of the functioning and management of the environment, based on firm scientific foundations
2. to enable students to critically assess and analyse holistic environmental and sustainability issues from the perspective of the business community
3. to enable students to develop specialist knowledge and skills in the application of management skills for solving environmental problems
4. to enable students to explain complex environmental science and management issues in clear terms and communicate about them effectively and succinctly, both orally and in writing
5. to enable students to engage with scientific and numerical data, and to develop an understanding of social impacts and management considerations from a non-scientific perspective
6. to enable students to develop their problem solving skills as part of a team and on an individual basis
7. to enable students to develop professionally focused transferable skills which will be useful to future employers (e.g. team work, presentation, information technology, negotiation) via a combination of group work and individual activities
8. to produce graduates who can think critically about the environment in the contemporary world and are able to pursue independent study in the subject with enthusiasm
9. to develop graduates that are capable of reaching their full potential and playing a full role in society including careers in environmental and non-environmental professional fields
Programme Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

On successful completion of this programme you will have knowledge and understanding of:

A1. the need for both a multi-disciplinary and an interdisciplinary approach in advancing knowledge and understanding of Earth systems, drawing, as appropriate, from the natural and the social sciences
A2. the processes which shape the natural world at different temporal and spatial scales and their influence on and by human activities
A3. the terminology, nomenclature and classification systems used in environmental science
A4. methods of acquiring, interpreting and analysing environmental science information with a critical understanding of the appropriate contexts for their use
A5. issues concerning the availability and sustainability of resources, for example, the different value sets relating to the Earth's resources as commodities and/or heritage
A6. the contribution of environmental science to debate on environmental issues and how knowledge of these forms the basis for informed concern about the Earth and its people
A7. the contribution of environmental science to the development of knowledge of the world we live in
A8. the applicability of environmental science to the world of work
A9. general management issues which may include: ethics, organisational structures, entrepreneurship, innovation, strategy, and finance.

Teaching and Learning Methods

Teaching and learning techniques employed in this degree programme include class lectures, recorded keynote lectures for a flipped classroom, discussion sessions, consultancy group role-playing, management practicals, site visits, and field-work. Students will be encouraged from an early stage to supplement and consolidate their understanding and knowledge by independent study. The teaching techniques applied across the programme are designed to enable students to develop the critical knowledge, skills and experience necessary to become a sought after environmental professional upon graduation.

Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed on a formative and summative basis through coursework and unseen examination throughout the programme. The coursework will be varied and can consist of a mixture of the following examples depending on the modules selected: individual essays, practical reports, group development project reports, individual consultancy research reports, 'academic journal style' papers, individual oral presentations, group conference presentations, practical exercises. The programme will also include unseen written examinations where this is deemed to be the most appropriate method of assessing the knowledge and understanding of students in a particular subject area. The examination formats will contain multiple choice (level 4 only), short answer and extended essay-based questions. Individual feedback will be given on all summative assessments.
Subject Specific Intellectual and Research Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

B1. recognise and use subject-specific theories, paradigms, concepts and principles
B2. analyse, synthesise and summarise information critically, including prior research
B3. collect and integrate several lines of evidence to formulate and test hypotheses
B4. apply knowledge and understanding to complex and multidimensional problems in familiar and unfamiliar contexts
B5. recognise the moral and ethical issues of investigations and appreciating the need for professional codes of conduct.
B6. demonstrate the interrelationship between the economy, society and environment in the context of sustainability
B7. explore the economic, social and environmental consequences of political, professional and business decision making

Teaching and Learning Methods

Subject specific intellectual and research skills require more focused and detailed teaching methods. Discussion seminars and supervision sessions provide a forum in which students can discuss and evaluate key environmental science and management issues, solutions and consequences of decisions in smaller open environments and in greater depth.

Subject specific learning in some modules involves student presentations in formative and assessed conference environments. The research, production and delivery of a presentation is an excellent learning tool for students and requires exploration of knowledge that goes deeper and beyond traditional lectures. Students develop a more sophisticated understanding of a subject area through the process of having to explain concepts and data analysis to an audience, whilst the requirement to rapidly compose balanced and well-informed answers to probing questions leads to even greater understanding at a subject specific level. Scientific and management research skills will be developed through practical laboratory, computer and field sessions where appropriate, supported by lectures and workshops. Intellectual skills will be developed through lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops, discussion groups (both face-to-face and online).

An important component of subject specific learning is self-study. All modules contain reading lists and staff work with students to guide them to appropriate sources in addition to the materials uncovered by students themselves. Many modules contain comprehensive learning and guided self-study resources that are available on blackboard. Independent reading will develop both intellectual skills (through reading of a wide range of relevant sources linked to formal module material and general environmental issues) and subject specific research skills. These skills will be developed in the early phases of the programme via formative assignments and group work. In the latter phases of the programme students will have the opportunity to apply their skills in individual research and management work through the final year research project.

Assessment Methods

Assessment of subject specific intellectual and research skills is also approached through a combination of formative assessments to provide ongoing feedback to develop subject-specific knowledge and understanding, and summative assessments where constructive feedback and quantified marks are provided in accordance with university progression and graduation requirements.

Greater use is made of formative assessments through subject-specific feedback from class exercises,
discussions, seminars, and project progress presentations. The summative assessment remains important in monitoring the level of understanding of subject-specific material and leads to the award of marks for work for progression and graduation purposes. This is again applied through a combination of coursework (e.g. journal papers, practical reports, data analysis, presentations) and unseen written examinations.

Transferable and Generic Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

C1. receiving and responding to a variety of information sources (e.g. textual, numerical, verbal, graphical)
C2. communicating appropriately to a variety of audiences in written, verbal and graphical forms
C3. appreciating issues of sample selection, accuracy, precision and uncertainty during collection, recording and analysis of data in the field and laboratory
C4. preparing, processing, interpreting and presenting data, using appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques and packages including geographic information systems
C5. solving numerical problems using computer and non-computer-based techniques
C6. using the internet critically as a means of communication and a source of information
C7. identifying individual and collective goals and responsibilities and performing in a manner appropriate to these roles
C8. recognising and respecting the views and opinions of other team members
C9. evaluating performance as an individual and a team member
C10. developing the skills necessary for self-managed and lifelong learning (e.g. working independently, time management and organisation skills)
C11. identifying and working towards targets for personal, academic and career development
C12. developing an adaptable and flexible approach to study and work
C13. delivering presentations in a formal professional setting, under replicated industrial conditions

Teaching and Learning Methods

Generic higher education level skills are embedded throughout the constituent modules of the degree programme. Written communication skills are enhanced through lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops, and discussion groups (online). Verbal communication skills are developed through discussion groups (face-to-face), seminars, group work, formative presentations. Information Technology skills are addressed through module coursework in terms of report production, data analysis, and module specific IT skills. Interpersonal communication and teamwork skills are addressed through the group presentations, reports, and consultancy projects.

Assessment Methods

Assessment of transferable and generic skills is addressed through formative assessments to provide ongoing feedback to help guide the development of your ‘softer skills’ that are of increasing importance in the professional world. This will take place through in-class group exercises, discussions, seminars, and project progress presentations.

Written communication skills are assessed through reports, journal papers, essays, and unseen written
examinations. Verbal communication skills are assessed through discussions, seminars, group work, and summative presentations. Information Technology skills are assessed through module coursework in terms of report production, data analysis, and module specific tasks. Interpersonal communication and teamwork skills are assessed through group presentations, reports, and consultancy projects.

Overall assessment of transferable and generic skills is addressed through summative assessments via a combination of coursework (e.g. assessed presentations, journal papers, practical reports, data analysis), unseen written examinations, and the final year independent research project.

Subject Specific Practical Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

D1. plan, conduct, and report on environmental investigations, including the use of secondary data
D2. collect, record and analyse data using appropriate techniques in the field and laboratory
D3. undertake field and laboratory investigations in a responsible and safe manner, paying due attention to risk assessment, rights of access, relevant health and safety regulations, and sensitivity to the impact of investigations on the environment and stakeholders
D4. reference work in an appropriate manner

Programme Structure

Where optional modules have been specified, the following is an indicative list of available optional modules, which are subject to change each academic year. Please note in some instances modules have limited spaces available.

Part I
Typical course content

In Part I the students will complete modules that address core environmental science processes, field research and quantitative methods, along with an introduction to management. Core environmental science knowledge and understanding will be covered with modules on the earth’s physical, biological and chemical systems and cycles. Students will be introduced to relevant field, laboratory and analytical methods and tools in the context of environmental science research. Visits to local study sites will give the opportunity to practice these skills in the field, whilst the residential field-trip will include a student-led group research project where all the knowledge, research and field skills are put into practice.

Part II will have half the provision as core modules to ensure critical understanding of the environmental impacts from business and industry, legislation, and the development of project management skills. The four optional modules will allow students to blend two selected environmental science modules and two management modules to create a portfolio of skills that reflect their interests and career aspirations.

Semester one of Part III will involve a core practical module on consultancy delivered in partnership with a range of contributors from environmental consultancies and other organisations. Optional modules will allow students to advance their understanding of environmental science and management, and to focus on their area of expertise. The optional residential fieldtrip module will provide the opportunity to learn more advanced field techniques and to carry out a group research project. The final semester of the programme in Part III is spent on placement where the students will complete a practical independent research project in partnership with the placement organisation. Students will have the opportunity to continue working with the organisation (subject to satisfactory outcomes) upon completion of the course.

Students are able to tailor their degree via optional modules in Parts II and III.
The information below is liable to change in minor ways from year to year. It is accurate at the time of writing.

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**Part II Optional I**

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<td>GEOG2032</td>
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<td>Pure and Applied Population Ecology</td>
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### GEOG2007
Remote Sensing for Earth Observation
7.5 Optional

### PHYS2015
Introduction to Energy in The Environment
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#### Part II Optional II
Students to select two Management options

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#### Part III Optional
**Part III Optional I**
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Progression Requirements
The programme follows the University's regulations for *Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes* as set out in the University Calendar: http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionIV/sectIV-index.html

Support for student learning

There are facilities and services to support your learning some of which are accessible to students across the University and some of which will be geared more particularly to students in your particular Faculty or discipline area.

The University provides:

- library resources, including e-books, on-line journals and databases, which are comprehensive and up-to-date; together with assistance from Library staff to enable you to make the best use of these resources
- high speed access to online electronic learning resources on the Internet from dedicated PC Workstations onsite and from your own devices: laptops, smartphones and tablet PCs via the Eduroam wireless network. There is a wide range of application software available from the Student Public Workstations.
- computer accounts which will connect you to a number of learning technologies for example, the Blackboard virtual learning environment (which facilitates online learning and access to specific learning resources)
- standard ICT tools such as Email, secure filestore and calendars.
- access to key information through the MySouthampton Student Mobile Portal which delivers timetables, Module information, Locations, Tutor details, Library account, bus timetables etc. while you are on the move.
- IT support through a comprehensive website, telephone and online ticketed support and a dedicated helpdesk in the Hartley Library.
- Enabling Services offering support services and resources via a triage model to access crisis management, mental health support and counselling. Support includes daily Drop In at Highfield campus at 13.00 – 15.00 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday out of term-time) or via on-line chat on weekdays from 14.00 – 16.00. Arrangements can also be made for meetings via Skype.
- assessment and support (including specialist IT support) facilities if you have a disability, long term health problem or Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g. dyslexia).
- the Student Services Centre (SSC) to assist you with a range of general enquiries including financial matters, accommodation, exams, graduation, student visas, ID cards
- Career and Employability services, advising on job search, applications, interviews, paid work, volunteering and internship opportunities and getting the most out of your extra-curricular activities alongside your degree programme when writing your CV
- Other support that includes health services (GPs), chaplaincy (for all faiths) and 'out of hours' support for students in Halls and in the local community, (18.00-08.00)
- A Centre for Language Study, providing assistance in the development of English language and study skills for non-native speakers.

The Students’ Union provides:

- an academic student representation system, consisting of Course Representatives, Academic Presidents, Faculty Officers and the Vice-President Education; SUSU provides training and support for all these representatives, whose role is to represent students’ views to the University.
- opportunities for extracurricular activities and volunteering
- an Advice Centre offering free and confidential advice including support if you need to make an academic appeal
- Support for student peer-to-peer groups, such as Nightline.

Associated with your programme you will be able to access:

- Coursebooks for each year of the programme.
- Introductory sessions for all years of the programme.
- Library information retrieval seminar.
- Small group tutorials in Part of the programmes.
- Personal tutors to assist you with personal problems and to advise on academic issues (contact maintained during periods of studying abroad). A senior tutor is also available.
- Access to academic staff through an open door policy as well as timetabled tutor meetings, appointment system and e-mail.
- Research seminars and invited lectures.
Methods for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning

You will have the opportunity to have your say on the quality of the programme in the following ways:

- Completing student evaluation questionnaires for each module of the programme
- Acting as a student representative on various committees, e.g. Staff: Student Liaison Committees, Faculty Programmes Committee OR providing comments to your student representative to feed back on your behalf.
- Serving as a student representative on Faculty Scrutiny Groups for programme validation
- Taking part in programme validation meetings by joining a panel of students to meet with the Faculty Scrutiny Group

The ways in which the quality of your programme is checked, both inside and outside the University, are:

- Regular module and programme reports which are monitored by the Faculty
- Programme validation, normally every five years.
- External examiners, who produce an annual report
- External professional examiner who will assess the placement programme
- Professional body accreditation/inspection
- A national Research Assessment Exercise (our research activity contributes directly to the quality of your learning experience)
- Institutional Review by the Quality Assurance Agency

Further details on the University's quality assurance processes are given in the Quality Handbook.

Criteria for admission

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University Commitment

The University will at all times seek to operate admissions regulations that are fair and are in accordance with the law of the United Kingdom, and the University's Charter, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.

This includes specific compliance with legislation relating to discrimination (e.g. Equality Act 2010) and the University's Equal Opportunities Policy Statement. This includes a commitment that the University will:

- actively assist groups that experience disadvantage in education and employment to benefit from belonging to the University
- actively seek to widen participation to enable students that do not traditionally participate in Higher Education to do so;
- ensure that admission procedures select students fairly and appropriately according to their academic ability and that the procedure is monitored and regularly reviewed.
Entry Requirements

A levels: ABB, including one science subject from geography, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, psychology, geology and environmental science (excluding general studies and critical thinking)

IB: 32 points, 16 at higher level, with a minimum of 5 points from the following science subjects at higher level: biology, chemistry, physics, geography, psychology and mathematics

All UK student applicants should hold either GCSE English Language at grade 4 or above (or equivalent qualifications).

Equivalent Qualifications

We are happy to receive other UK and international applications from candidates with alternative qualifications, which are assessed on individual merit.

Applications from mature candidates and candidates resident in other European countries and overseas are welcome and will be considered on an individual basis. If you are unsure about our entry criteria, please contact our admissions staff who would be happy to provide advice in advance of your application.

International Applications

If your first language is not English, we need to ensure that your listening, written and spoken English skills would enable you to enjoy the full benefit of your studies. For entry onto our programmes, you will need an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5 or an equivalent qualification.

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<td>GCSE</td>
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<td>A Level</td>
<td>ABB (including 1 science subject)</td>
<td>Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Psychology, Geology and Environmental Studies</td>
<td>General Studies Critical Thinking Use of Maths Thinking Skills</td>
<td>One A level grade (or equivalent) lower combined with EPQ at grade B or higher.</td>
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Mature applicants
Studying for a degree later in life can be extremely rewarding and mature students are often among our most successful.

Mature applicants are considered on an individual basis. Depending upon the date of academic qualification achieved applicants may be offered the Science Foundation Year.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)
The University has a Recognition of Prior Learning Policy
Students are accepted under the University's recognition of prior learning policy; however, each case will be reviewed on an individual basis.

English Language Proficiency
The table below sets out the English proficiency requirements for this programme in terms of the IELTS test. For full details of the recognised tests and the equivalent requirements in those tests please see www.southampton.ac.uk/admissions-language.

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Career Opportunities

This exciting new programme will focus on combining the critical skills of an environmental scientist, with the business skills of a management specialist, to create highly employable graduates able to pursue rewarding careers in the growing field of environmental management and consultancy.

Students will gain a detailed understanding of the core areas of environmental science throughout the three years of study. This expertise will be combined with the development of business management skills through the study of appropriate management modules that will enable the graduates to have the full suite of theoretical and practical skills necessary to become an environmental professional.

Potential career routes include specialising in environmental management, sustainability, carbon management, water management, biodiversity, waste management. These career routes might be fulfilled working for large international consultancies, local environmental consultancies, research organisations, environmental regulators, non-governmental organisations, academia, local authorities, and government bodies amongst many others in this diverse and personally rewarding field.
External Examiner(s) for the programme

Name: Dr Karen Anderson - University of Exeter

Students must not contact External Examiner(s) directly, and external examiners have been advised to refer any such communications back to the University. Students should raise any general queries about the assessment and examination process for the programme with their Course Representative, for consideration through Staff: Student Liaison Committee in the first instance, and Student representatives on Staff: Student Liaison Committees will have the opportunity to consider external examiners’ reports as part of the University’s quality assurance process.

External examiners do not have a direct role in determining results for individual students, and students wishing to discuss their own performance in assessment should contact their Personal Academic Tutor in the first instance.

Please note: This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information can be found in the programme handbook.
# Appendix 1:

Students are responsible for meeting the cost of essential textbooks, and of producing such essays, assignments, laboratory reports and dissertations as are required to fulfil the academic requirements for each programme of study. In addition to this, students registered for this programme also have to pay for:

## Additional Costs

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<td>Stationery</td>
<td>You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationary items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc. Any specialist stationery items will be specified under the Additional Costs tab of the relevant module profile.</td>
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<td>Textbooks</td>
<td>Where a module specifies core texts these should generally be available on the reserve list in the library. However due to demand, students may prefer to buy their own copies. These can be purchased from any source. Some modules suggest reading texts as optional background reading. The library may hold copies of such texts, or alternatively you may wish to purchase your own copies. Although not essential reading, you may benefit from the additional reading materials for the module.</td>
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<td>Approved Calculators</td>
<td>Candidates may use calculators in the examination room only as specified by the University and as permitted by the rubric of individual examination papers. The University approved models are Casio FX-570 and Casio FX-85GT Plus. These may be purchased from any source and no longer need to carry the University logo.</td>
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| Fieldwork: logistical costs | **ENVS1004**  
The cost of travel, accommodation and required safety equipment, along with breakfast and dinner if required, will be paid for by the University.  
Costs to you: You will need to provide and wear your own suitable clothing when attending field courses, e.g. waterproofs, walking boots. You can purchase these from any source and costs will vary depending on your preference. You will be expected to purchase your own lunch and any additional refreshments.  
[http://www.southampton.ac.uk/engineering/undergraduate/modules/envs1004_environmental_science_concepts_and_communication.page?](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/engineering/undergraduate/modules/envs1004_environmental_science_concepts_and_communication.page?)

**ENVS1006**  
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**ENVS1007**  
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Costs to you: You will need to provide and wear your own suitable clothing when attending field courses, e.g. waterproofs, walking boots. You can purchase these from any source and costs will vary depending on your preference. You will be expected to purchase your own lunch and any additional refreshments.  
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**ENVS2003**  
The cost of travel, accommodation and required safety equipment, along with...
| Optional Visits (e.g. museums, galleries) | Some modules may include additional optional visits. You will normally be expected to cover the cost of travel and admission, unless otherwise specified in the module profile. |
| Field course clothing | You will need to wear suitable clothing when attending fieldcourses, e.g. waterproofs, walking boots. You can purchase these from any source. |
| Design equipment and materials | Standard construction/modelling materials will be provided where appropriate, unless otherwise specified in a module profile. For customisation of designs/models calling for material other than standard construction/ modelling materials, students will bear the costs of such alternatives. |
| Printing and Photocopying Costs | In some cases, coursework and/or projects may be submitted electronically. Where it is not possible to submit electronically students will be liable for printing costs, which are detailed in the individual Module Profile. |